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1. REPRESENTATIONS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE GOJ FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE OIL EXPLORATION OFF THE SHORES OF JAMAICA. NORWAY'S MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING, HALLVARD BAKKE, SPEAKING AT THE END OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JAMAICA-NORWAY JOINT COMMISSION AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON DECEMBER 21 SAID HE WILL MAKE THE PROPOSAL TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER P.J. PATTERSON, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSPORT MINISTER HORACE CLARK, OUTLINED AREAS OF COOPERATION REACHED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VISITING NORWEGIAN DELEGATION. THE REPORT ON THE PROPOSALS AND AGREEMENTS WAS SIGNED BY MINISTER PATTERSON ON BEHALF OF THE GOJ, AND BY MINISTER BAKKE ON BEHALF OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. REFERRING TO J\$1 1/4 MILLION IN AID TO JAMAICA FOR OIL EXPLORATION ANNOUNCED IN OSLO LAST NOVEMBER, MINISTER
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PATTERSON SAID THAT THE NORWEGIAN COMPANY, GECO, WOULD SHORTLY BE SIGNING CONTRACTS TO BEGIN EXPLORATION AND THAT THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER MEETING AT THE END OF JANUARY TO FINALIZE THE OUTSTANDING ASPECTS, WITH THE SURVEY DUE TO BEGIN IN APRIL 1978.

4. OUTLINING THE AREAS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 20,

MINISTER PATTERSON SAID THAT ON THE SUBJECT OF SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT, THE GOJ WAS ANXIOUS THAT THIS PROGRAM PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. IN RELATION TO MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND WORKER PARTICIPATION, MINISTER PATTERSON OBSERVED THAT "THERE WAS A NEED FOR JAMAICA TO ACCELERATE LEVELS OF TRAINING AND IMPROVE THE SKILLS NEEDED TO RUN A COMPLEX ECONOMY."

6. REGARDING TRADE POSSIBILITIES, MINISTER PATTERSON STATED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXPORT COUNCIL OF NORWAY HAD MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH STATE-OWNED AND PRIVATELY-OWNED ENTERPRISES AND FIRMS, WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING THE POSSIBILITIES OF INCREASING TRADE AND COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT CONTACTS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE ON TRADE POSSIBILITIES.

7. MINISTER CLARKE ANNOUNCED THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

SHIPPING: THE JAMAICA PORT AUTHORITY HAD EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING TWO TUGS AND THREE LAUNCHES FROM NORWEGIAN SHIPYARDS. IT WOULD PROVIDE SPECIFICATIONS AND INVITE QUOTATIONS FROM WHICH FINAL SELECTIONS WOULD BE MADE. REGARDING SHIPS FOR THE JAMAICA MERCHANT MARINE LIMITED AND THE JMM-ATLANTIC LINE LIMITED TO CARRY BULK CARGO OF GRAIN, BAUXITE AND ALUMINA, THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE DELEGATION HAD AGREED TO DEFER ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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PURCHASE OF GRAIN SHIPS UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF A GRAIN TRANSPORTATION STUDY NOW BEING DONE BY JAMAICA NUTRITION HOLDINGS LIMITED. HE SAID THE NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD AGREED TO SUPPLEMENT THE OCEAN TRANSPORTATION PART OF THIS STUDY, IF NECESSARY. THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION EXPRESSED THE DESIRE OF NORWEGIAN NATIONAL CARRIERS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TONNAGE FOR ALUMINA EXPORTS TO NORWAY AND THAT JAMAICA'S NATIONAL LINE WOULD COMPETE AT A FUTURE DATE.

BANANAS: MUCH MORE STUDIES NEEDED TO BE DONE IN THIS AREA REGARDING SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGN.

TRAINING: MINISTER CLARKE SAID THAT BETWEEN 25-35 OFFICERS AND TOP MANAGEMENT TRAINEES WERE NEEDED EACH YEAR, FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, FOR JAMAICA'S SHIPPING LINE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT SPECIAL FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH NORWEGIAN SHIPYARDS.

8. NORWEGIAN MINISTER BAKKE SAID THAT THE FIELD IN WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD REACHED THE FARTHEST WAS IN OFFSHORE SURVEYS, AND ADDITIONAL FUNDS WERE NEEDED FOR THESE TO BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST TO THE NORWEGIAN

GOVERNMENT THAT THEY APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR OIL EXPLORATION
IN JAMAICA.
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